

- B) A method wherein a catalyst is introduced in a compound; and,
- C) A method wherein a catalyst is introduced in a solution.

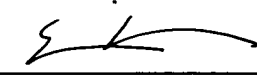
Per the Office Action, Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect one of the above-listed species.

In response, Applicant primarily elects species "A", with claims 1-3, and 6-13, readable thereon. Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 20-23, which recite crystallization promoting material comprising a metal, are generic. Therefore, notwithstanding Applicant's election of species "A," the Office's assertion that no claims are generic should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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